

Latest in a Series of U.S. Navy Helicopter Contracts Will Help Maintain Southern Tier Jobs

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that Lockheed Martin of Owego, New York has been awarded a contract worth \$72.6 million to build 24 Mission Avionics Systems and Common Cockpits for the MH-60R helicopter and 18 Common Cockpits for the MH-60S helicopter. Approximately 26 percent of the work will be directly executed by employees at the Owego plant, with the remainder of the project being completed at other facilities. The new U.S. Navy contract is the latest in a series of contracts that together will sustain hundreds of jobs at the Southern Tier facility.

"The recent good news for the talented workforce at Lockheed Martin in Owego keeps coming in," said Hinchey. "We've had some setbacks in the past, but I'm working harder than ever to bring as much work as possible back to the Southern Tier so that we can help sustain jobs and continue to ensure that this part of New York plays a vital role in the security and safety of the men and women who sacrifice so much to serve and protect our great nation."

Hinchey's recent efforts to support Lockheed Martin Owego extend beyond the new contract announced today. Last week, Hinchey was in Owego to announce he helped secure \$249 million in new U.S. Navy contracts that the company will use to develop technology that will sustain and enhance the H-60 helicopter fleets. Last month, Hinchey announced that the U.S. Navy awarded the company a \$45 million contract for a U.S. Marine Corps evaluation of unmanned cargo resupply in an operational forward deployed environment.

As part of a reorganizational effort, Lockheed Martin announced in November that it was transferring approximately 300 jobs to Owego over the next two years. That move gives Owego a stronger business base for the future. Furthermore, it provides the Owego facility additional opportunities to grow, perform and further leverage its technologies to additional platforms.